

Welcome

Welcome to the final online safety spotlight of this academic year.

Our learners have had lots of learning opportunities this year that focus on all the key areas of being safe online. As they progress through the school, they will build on these skills to support them to ensure being online for life and work is a safe and pleasurable experience and that our learners can spot the signs of anyone that might try to take advantage of them.

I have very much enjoyed visiting many lessons and speaking to our young people about their online safety focused lessons. They tell me they enjoy learning about ways to look out of spam emails, or messages that might be trying to trick them in some way. They have also enjoyed the different lessons our fantastic teachers have provided which has meant they can role play different scenarios, have circle time discussions, watch videos, make videos or even use interactive games to learn about the potential dangers and what to look out for.

This year has also seen the extension of our online safety ambassadors, who offer advice and support but also feedback information to staff about what the latest craze is and what young people are currently doing online.

Long Summer Break

As we venture into the long summer break, some young people may have the opportunity to spend more time online. I thought I would take this opportunity to share some resources that you can use to keep the conversation going with your children. It can be tricky to know where to begin.

Here are some conversation starters that may help. Ask them about how they stay safe online? What tips do they have for you? Maybe they can show you how to do something better online.

Helpful tips and links

Remind your young people what is OK and not OK to share.

Ask them if they know where to go for help, where to find the safety advice and if they know about privacy settings.

ChildNet has many resources that break down difficult concepts for learners that you might find useful:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-families-children-with-send/>

For our younger learners, knowing they can come to you if they find something upsetting or scary while playing a game or watching YouTube. Here is a story that you might find interesting to read to your child called Chicken Clicking:

<https://www.vodafone.co.uk/cs/groups/configfiles/documents/webcontent/vfcon110703.pdf>



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Events and key dates

THURSDAY 6TH JULY

Whole school transition day

FRIDAY 21ST JULY

Last day of term

FRIDAY 14TH JULY

Passport celebrations

WEDNESDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER

Learners return to school

